



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

***Raised Bill No. 1097***

LCO No. 4734



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall appoint one or  
4 more school nurses or nurse practitioners. Such school nurses and nurse  
5 practitioners appointed by such boards shall be qualified pursuant to  
6 regulations adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 by  
7 the State Board of Education in consultation with the Department of  
8 Public Health. Such school nurses may also act as visiting nurses in the  
9 town, may visit the homes of pupils in the public schools and shall assist  
10 in executing the orders of the school medical advisor, if there is any in  
11 such town, and perform such other duties as are required by such board.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any  
13 regulation of Connecticut state agencies, nothing in this section shall be  
14 construed to prohibit the administering of medications by parents or  
15 guardians to their own children on school grounds.

16 (c) School nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by or under  
 17 contract with any local or regional board of education and any nurse  
 18 provided to a nonpublic school under the provisions of section 10-217a  
 19 shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with the  
 20 provisions of section 29-17a.

21 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, the State Board of Education shall  
 22 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to (1)  
 23 require that a school nurse who has been qualified pursuant to  
 24 regulations by the State Board of Education in consultation with the  
 25 Department of Public Health and appointed by a local or regional board  
 26 of education to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing or a related field  
 27 not later than five years after such qualification, except that any school  
 28 nurse who was so qualified and appointed prior to July 1, 2024, shall not  
 29 be required to obtain such bachelor's degree, (2) require each school  
 30 nurse to complete at least fifteen hours of professional development  
 31 programs or activities approved by the local or regional board of  
 32 education in each two-year period, and (3) create a special services  
 33 endorsement for school nurses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2023	10-212
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the State Board of Education to adopt regulations to increase the qualifications and professional development requirements for school nurses and to create a special services endorsement for school nurses.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*